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Dear Sir:

I sent a letter to every Congressman and Senator, the President and several Cabinet members. It arrived the day after the Roberts' Report. I sent a follow-up a week later. Congress is slow to act and I now hope to interest the newspapers in publicizing this terribly urgent need to save us from another and more deadly holocaust than on December 7th. This time it would probably be horrible mass murder and may cost us Hawaii and Alaska, our Pacific Fleet's superiority for a long time and perhaps the West Coast lost to Japan.

My thesis is: EVERY JAPANESE---AMERICAN BORN OR NOT---MUST BE PUT INTO CONCENTRATION CAMPS AT ONCE. Of course it will "disrupt the life of the Islands"---but better that than to lose them. California does depend on Japs for truck gardening---but let the Oakies and Arkies with large families do this work and get off Relief, but keep California white.

As the sister of a Commander and wife of a Lieut. Commander in the Navy, both Annapolis graduates, I am more than concerned and am unable to comprehend the lack of panic of our people, especially in Honolulu and California, in realizing this peril and coping with it.

I taught at Punahou Academy in Honolulu 1923-25 and did playground work at the Fresh Air Camp during one summer there. We had over twenty combinations of nationalities, but no hyphenated Japanese. They rarely intermarry. Their plan is to keep their nationals pure and to penetrate, invade, and control the Pacific Islands and California. Pressure is brought on every Japanese woman to have six children "for the Emperor" and we must use this war to rid America of them. They are unassimilable and in a generation or two will be a much larger menace. But, for the present, separate the sexes in camps and thwart their Fifth Column plans and success thru help from those here.

An Hawaiian-born Jap---now a General---started trouble in Shanghai two years ago by limiting Marines to a given area. Jap high school boys from Hawaii aided the enemy and helped pilot planes at Pearl Harbor. The Roberts' Report cited 200 aliens in the pay of the Consul at Honolulu as a large factor in their perfect timing and deadly assault. Every day brings to light activities near our defense areas. Guns, ammunition, radios, and enough evidence of spying to convict numbers are found. Canada has recently sent her Japanese to work camps.

It is not enough to move the ALIENS away from the Coast and defense areas. The AMERICAN-BORN JAPANESE attended their language schools for years. California has 250 of these propaganda mediums. The first loyalty of the majority of all Japanese is to the Emperor. Their fishing fleet has long been a thorn in the side of our Pacific Fleet. This menace must be kept impotent. Several thousand Jap aliens have been living on Terminal Island in Los Angeles Harbor---so vital to our Navy as a fuel base and air field. Two Japs rented the Conroy Ranch---too dry for farming, but traversed by the Los Angeles Aqueduct and adjacent to the patrol road and inspection gate. Japanese farmers are living nearby every West Coast flying field.

Can you imagine Japan allowing Americans to live so unhampered in their country? Five years ago one could not go near their Naval bases. The wife of the Pan American head in Manila could not even leave the President boat to visit Japan on her way to the Philippines. We returned after nearly three years in the Orient in 1937. I travelled in Japan and lived in Tokyo for ten weeks and three weeks and visited in Korea and spent two months twice in Peking. I lived in Shanghai and in Hong Kong for several months and in Manila, Baguio and Cavite. We saw Manila's Fifth Avenue turned from native-owned to mostly Jap stores. I had a Southern Philippine Island cruise and visited Corregidor and Olongapo. On the way home I was in Indo China at Saigon and Bangkok and in Jahore and spent over a week in Singapore where business people foretold today's happenings. Now those who read the signs see a similar fate for Hawaii. The Japanese papers and Army heads boast that it is easy to invade Hawaii and our West Coast and that they will do it soon. Those who have studied it agree, but only with the help of their nationals and sympathizers here. They have the most perfect mammoth Fifth Column. Our one defense is to put them all behind barbed wire and keep the sexes separate---not let them produce more Japanese-Americans during this time. This is WAR. They employ every means fair and foul. I am urging a humane treatment, but the only safeguard to our very existence.

Over half the population of Hawaii is Japanese. There are several hundred thousand on the West Coast. But Germany interned the whole French Army---over two million men. We can do this and save our Fleet, our men, our outposts and our country intact.

They claim that a surprise attack all along the Coast on our shipping lanes and cities will paralyze us. No doubt they plan simultaneous sabotage of power and water lines with help from Japs here and if they gain a foothold and control the few high mountain passes they claim we can pour our men into these traps for years without recapturing them and that they will DICTATE PEACE FROM THE WHITE HOUSE!

Do use your pen and newspaper to make our people realize their peril and urge Congress and the President to clamp down at once. (Why doesn't the American Legion push this? Their sons are fighting this war.)

119 City Park, Simonsdale,  
Portsmouth, Va., February 12, 1942.

LEORA HELBER COLDWELL.  
(Use the material but not my name, please)



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My dear Mr. [Name],

I have just received your letter of the 15th inst. and am glad to hear that you are well and happy. I am also well and hope these few lines will find you the same.

I have been thinking much of late about the future of our country and the progress of our civilization. It seems to me that we are passing through a great crisis, and that the result will determine whether we are to remain a united people or become a collection of warring states.

I believe that the only way to preserve our Union and our liberties is by a more perfect union, by a more efficient government, and by a more just and equitable distribution of the wealth of the country.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
[Signature]



*Sent to Tolson - undated*

We are all SEEING RED since December 7th but MORE NAVAL VESSELS WILL BE SUNK near Hawaii and off the West Coast DUE TO INFORMATION FROM JAPANESE ASHORE. HAWAII may fall and be a JAPANESE POSSESSION unless EVERY JAPANESE--AMERICAN-BORN OR NOT--IS PUT IN A CONCENTRATION CAMP AT ONCE!

Every Japanese is a potential criminal Fifth Columnist. All have had years of propaganda teaching at their Language schools--California alone has 248 of these--and the FIRST AND FANATICAL LOYALTY of the MAJORITY is to the EMPEROR!

Japanese high school boys from Hawaii helped pilot the planes that attacked Pearl Harbor!

In Los Angeles Harbor, on Terminal Island--so vital to our Navy for oil, aviation gasoline and Reeves Field--3500 to 5000 Japanese are living and many of them are aliens!

The Japanese fishing fleet of 250 ships with Diesel-powered engines and a 6000-mile cruising range are manned mainly by reserve officers and sailors of the Japanese Navy. They share the harbor space with our Navy and these ships appear wherever our fleet is on maneuvers.

The F.B.I. has secret documents that tell of their plans to strike by surprise all along the coast and simultaneously. Papers in Tokyo boast that it will be easy to invade California and plan to do it soon.

FILIPINO MESS ATTENDANTS ARE ABOARD ALL OF OUR BATTLESHIPS AND IN MANY SENIOR OFFICERS' HOMES. Those whose homes are in the Philippines may be persuaded to HELP THE ENEMY DUE TO THREATS AND FEAR FOR THE SAFETY OF THEIR FAMILIES. This is a real danger!

I taught at Punahou Academy in Honolulu from 1923 until 1925 and have lived in California for seven winters. In 1937 we returned from three years in the Orient where I travelled in Japan and lived in Tokyo for ten weeks and three weeks, in Peking for two months twice, in Shanghai for several months and in Hong Kong, Manila, Cavite and Baguio. I visited in Saigon and Bangkok and for eight days in Singapore where British travel bureau people discussed just what is happening now. I spent several weeks in India and in Egypt and had a Mediterranean cruise including Athens and Constantinople. Four trips thru Europe since 1926 and two thru the Panama Canal have helped me to see the whole picture.

I was appalled to see the numbers of Japanese on the streets of California and Seattle in 1940 and 1941 after being away for six years. OVER ONE-HALF THE POPULATION OF HAWAII IS JAPANESE!

ACT PROMPTLY BY ORDERING EVERY JAPANESE BEHIND BARBED WIRE. Keep the sexes separated and the number of future Japanese in this country down. SAVE OUR FLEET And HAWAIIAN AND ALASKAN OUTPOSTS. KEEP OUR WEST COAST INTACT!

TIME IS SHORT!

LEORA HELBER COLDWELL

Wife of Lieut. Comdr. Harold Coldwell, U.S. Naval Academy, Class of 1920.  
Sister of Lieut. Comdr. Carlyle Helber, U.S. Naval Academy, Class of 1922.

119 City Park, Simonsdale, Portsmouth, Va.  
January 23, 1942.



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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA CONFERENCE  
Jesse Lee Corley, Executive Secretary  
125 East Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, Cal.

January 29th, 1942

VIA AIR MAIL

Representative John H. Tolan  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

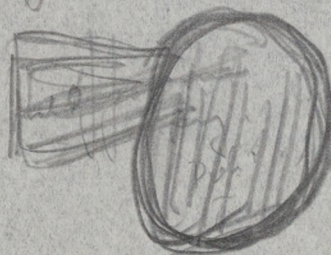
Dear Sir:

To not a few of us who are interested in preserving peace and goodwill and preventing injustice to American citizens here on the Coast, the conditions developing with respect to the Japanese population in and around Los Angeles are becoming disturbing. We hope these matters may come under the supervision of your committee rather than that of Representative Dies, and that some immediate steps might be taken to prevent anything being done under the leadership of overwrought and hysterical people.

It is reported that thousands of loyal Americans of Japanese parentage have been already thrown out of work and that some of them are facing actual want in their homes. I assure you that although we are in favor of taking proper measures against dangerous aliens that we would appreciate anything you might do to prevent hasty and unjust actions that would bring suffering to innocent people.

Sincerely yours,

J.L. Corley





*copy & return*  
[Jan. 1942]

2525 Rose Walk  
Berkeley, California

MR. FRANCIS BIDDLE  
Attorney General of the United States  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

This morning's paper carried the news item that the Japanese by February 24 are to be removed and barred from the waterfront of San Francisco and other selected defense areas in California. To those of us who feel that there is a real danger in the presence of aliens of an enemy country whose policy has ever been that of striking in an unexpected way, the above referred to order seems completely absurd. If the need exists for the removal of Japanese by February 24 it certainly exists for their removal at once and why this solicitation should be shown towards the feelings of these people is something that is difficult for some of us to understand.

Fulton Lewis, in his broadcast of a night or two ago, analyzed the sugar situation in a way that was very enlightening and at the same time alarming to the man on the street. He wound up by saying that the purpose of the sugar ration was to bring close home to the man on the street the fact that this country was at war. The absurdity of such an attitude, considering that the country has been far ahead of Washington for the last two years, is emphasized by an order such as yours. The realities of the situation certainly are not emphasized if it is taken that there is no danger resulting to our country from the presence on the Pacific Coast, where vital airplane and oil production facilities are located, of 93,000 Japanese of either alien or American birth.

The Administration has unquestionably the wholehearted support of the people of the country but stupid orders are not going to increase the respect of the average citizen for the wisdom of those conducting this war.

I believe I could go down the street in San Francisco and from every individual I meet I will receive a hearty agreement in the thought that if the aliens on this coast should be removed by February 24 they should be ordered back from defense areas within one week. If the move is inconvenient for them that is a matter that should certainly be borne more easily by us than sabotage which would in any way delay our military actions.

Yours very truly,

*J. F. McSwain*  
J. F. McSwain

cc - Senator Hiram W. Johnson  
Senator Sheridan Downey  
Rep. John H. Tolan,  
Washington, D. C.



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Sincerely yours,

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(Copy)

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom  
Los Angeles Branch, 2936 West 8th St.  
Los Angeles, February 12, 1942

Hon. John H. Tolan  
House Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The following resolution was unanimously passed today at a meeting attended by about one hundred persons.

This public meeting of the Los Angeles Branch of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom wishes to acknowledge its deep appreciation of the statements of the Attorney General, the Hon. Francis Biddle, warning against hysteria and urging discrimination and justice in the treatment of enemy aliens.

As residents of Southern California we express our confidence in the handling of the alien problem by the Federal Government through the Department of Justice. We believe that all measures necessary for civilian defense should be taken but we think that such measures will be more effective if preceded by adequate planning for the welfare of those affected, and if carried out in the spirit of calmness and consideration which we believe has characterized the work of the Department of Justice in this locality.

We wish also to express the hope that investigation of the alien situation in California and arrangements for its solution may be put into the hands of a Congressional committee, preferably the Tolan Committee.

The above resolution has been transmitted to the Attorney General and the President and we trust it will be of interest to you as well.

Yours sincerely,

Ruth Benedict  
For the Los Angeles Branch of the Women's International  
League for Peace and Freedom

By Ruth Benedict, Chairman Legislative  
Committee



(Copy)

William W. Laidley  
Attorney at Law  
162 Mountain Avenue  
Piedmont, California

February 13, 1942.

Honorable John H. Tolan,  
Member of Congress 7th District of California  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Tolan:

Pursuant to the suggestion  
of a number of citizens of the Bay District, I am writing to  
urge that you put your influence and full support behind any  
move looking to the removal from the coastal regions of this  
state of all Japanese and other enemy aliens.

Many of the folks here believe that our plane  
factories, ship yards, and other defense industries, as  
well as our public utilities and transportation and communication  
lines, are in equal or more danger from sabotage and fifth  
column activities than from enemy invasion of the state.

In view of the situation above mentioned I express the  
hope, on behalf of my fellow citizens and myself, that you will  
not hesitate to do everything in your power to expedite the  
transfer to less vital areas of enemy aliens of every class.

With kind personal regards to you and Mrs. Tolan and  
Jack, I am

Sincerely yours,

W.W. Laidley



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February 17, 1942

My dear Mr. Tolan:

Let us do something definite about the Japs. Let us move all Japs from California, aliens as well as citizens. Once a Jap always a Jap. The F.B.I. has been doing good work but it isn't enough. The Japs laugh at us because we are a slow race. They have good reason to laugh, we are too slow. Everybody waits for the next fellow to do it.

I know you haven't been asleep - but by the time you make up your mind we will have another Pearl Harbor right on our California shores.

After the Japs bomb a few of our oil wells - you fellows in Washington will do something about it. Such as removing all Japs from California.

We sent you to Washington to take care of us, and we expect you will do just that.

Sincerely

Mrs. G. O. Goodsell



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ASSISTANT ATTORNEY

February 17, 1942.

Hon. Leland M. Ford,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Ford:

I want to thank you for your kind letter of the 6th instant in recognition of my support of the position you have taken in connection with the Japanese problem on the West Coast. I also want to congratulate you upon the address which you delivered over the Blue network on February 9th, 1942.

The manner in which the Government is handling this question should cause the Pacific Coast great concern. The removal of Japanese aliens from the Coast to inland points does not begin to solve the problem.

Everyone who knows the customs of the Japanese knows that American born Japs are regarded as citizens of the Japanese Empire and that in their dual citizenship they give their first allegiance to Japan rather than to the United States. In order to insure this result it has long been the practice to send American born Japanese boys back to the mother country for several years of study and training. Upon their return to this country they have all of the rights and privileges of American citizenship under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, but one who has had an opportunity to observe such American born Japs knows that their loyalty is to Japan rather than to America.

In Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles and many other cities on the Pacific Coast and in the rural districts surrounding those cities tens of thousands of these American born Japs are tilling our soil and selling food supplies in our markets. Experience in the Hawaiian Islands, the Philippines and Malaya proves that these Japs are here not only for the purpose of creating havoc among the civilian population during an invasion but also for the purpose of supplying food to the invading army.

In my opinion it is ridiculous for you or me to have to present an argument of this kind. If this country is fighting a war for its existence, as the Government tells us we are doing

*See Ford*



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and as all of us should realize we are doing, no one can present any good reason why we should take the chances that are involved in the adoption of a pussyfooting policy on this Japanese question. Anyone who expresses fear of hurting the feelings of loyal Japanese is either ignorant or a traitor to his country.

If our country survives this encounter the boys who return from the front will control the votes and it is my prophecy that they will deal rather harshly with those who failed the Nation in the handling of this internal Japanese question.

There are enough American born Japs spread throughout the Pacific Coast to burn down any of the cities mentioned at the first sign of attack. F.B.I. raids conducted after such things occur will do no good.

This country has gone soft. We are fighting two tough races. If we do not get tough, and get tough fast, we will be licked. There is more to this job than the mere spending of money and the training of an army and the production of ships. There is more than one way to skin a cat and almost everyone on the Pacific Coast knows that the Japs are not depending alone on their army, their navy and their air force to defeat the United States.

I am not one of those individuals who makes it a habit to write to his Congressman on everything that he thinks is wrong with the country. In fact, this is about the first time I have ever written a letter of this kind. I wish all of the people who are thinking these things would begin to write these letters because if they would then perhaps the Government would commence to wake up to how the people feel about this question. I am copying this letter to all of the Congressmen and Senators from the three Pacific Coast states and to Lt.Colonel Karl R. Bendetson, Judge Advocate General's Department, Chief Aliens Division, Washington, D.C.

Yours very truly,

EDWIN C. MATTHIAS

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CC- Hon. Homer T. Bone, United States Senate, Washington, D.C.

Hon. Mon C. Wallgren,	"	"	"	"	"
Hon. Charles L. McNary,	"	"	"	"	"
Hon. Rufus C. Holman,	"	"	"	"	"
Hon. Hiram W. Johnson,	"	"	"	"	"
Hon. Sheridan M. Downey,	"	"	"	"	"

Hon. Henry M. Jackson, House of Representatives,	"	"	"	"	"
Hon. Martin F. Smith,	"	"	"	"	"
Hon. Knute Hill,	"	"	"	"	"
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JOHN H TOLAN JR

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CONFIDENTIALLY, OUR NATIONAL DEFENSE MIGRATION COMMITTEE IS  
PROCEEDING TO COAST BECAUSE OF REQUEST OF VARIOUS FEDERAL  
DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED WITH HANDLING ALIEN POPULATIONS PROBLEM.  
INCLUDING WAR AND NAVY, AGRICULTURE AND JUSTICE, FOR SURVEY AND  
EARLY REPORT ON OVERALL SITUATION BY INDEPENDENT FACT-FINDING  
AGENCY. COMMITTEE VIEW IS THAT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CAN OBTAIN BEST  
INFORMATION AND OPINIONS REGARDING THIS PROBLEM FROM COMMUNITIES  
DIRECTLY AFFECTED. ALSO THAT THIS IS BEST COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY TO  
TELL WASHINGTON LOCAL STORY, THEREBY OBVIATING NECESSITY FOR  
CONTINUOUS DELEGATIONS TO CAPITAL. SINCE I KNOW YOU APPRECIATE  
THAT SITUATION DEMANDS TACTFUL HANDLING THROUGHOUT WOULD APPRECIATE  
YOUR ASSISTANCE IN SECURING COMPLETE COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND UNDERSTANDING  
IN ADVANCE OF HEARINGS. WHICH OPEN IN SANFRANCISCO, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY  
21 AND CONTINUES AT PORTLAND, SEATTLE AND LOSANGELES

JOHN H TOLAN MEMBER OF CONGRESS.

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Tolan

Feb. 18th, 1942  
# 1114 Grizzly Pk. Blvd.  
Berkeley, Calif.

Hon John Tolan  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir: -

I have just read in the Berkeley Gazette that a Japanese alien has been apprehended near Sacramento with bombs and other contraband material in his possession. This daily makes the terse comment that this man will probably be interned. It would seem that the firing squad would be more appropriate.

Today Congress has made available \$300,000.00 to further investigate alien activities in California. More drastic action is definitely indicated. All Japanese, alien and American born, should be placed in concentration camps, and as your colleague Mr. Rankin suggests after the war they should be deported.

It is time that we should profit by the experience of what has happened to other complacent nations.

Will you show me the courtesy of a reply, stating your convictions in this matter.

Sincerely

G. I. Jackson



1331 Stockton Street,  
San Francisco, California  
February 18th, 1942

Hon. Congressman  
John H. Tolan.

Dear Sir:

In regards to the Alien Enemy Inquiry I like to put fort a few facts.

It is no secret that the Axis cannot hope to win the War without crippling the United States's War productions, this we should guard with jelious eyes, especially Airplane production.

Let us not foreget one more Fact, The returned Japanese refugees, this should be the keye point of your investigation. It is safe to say that 90% of these are Japanese Navy and Army instructed Spies. Likely it is the repetition of Hitler's spies found their way into France under the disguise of Jewish refugees.

I remain,

Respectfully Yours,

(Signed) Carl Weber



(COPY)

San Diego, Feb. 19th

Rep. Tolan:-

Reading about your Special House Committee investigations about to begin wish to speak for ourselves, & a great many neighbour families & friends. We one & all would like to see precious Time Saved, & potential danger removed by migrating the aliens one & all to Interior Concentration Camps, Pronto. We Americans could lose this war by continuing to be soft-hearted & soft-headed about American born Japs in particular, but german & Itizians also. You who are in authorative positions, can demand & push the demands for official Sanction of settling the alien question in the only way that will completely remove any & all danger, & give us citizens the feeling of Security we must have for keeping up the Morale to Win this War. And to feel our govt. isn't endangering our safety, our very lives & property in meddling along about the alien situation until we have a "Pearl-Harbor" in America itself. This is no time to try weed out the sheep from the goats, but move them all. Our govt. certainly owes this much to its own Loyal Citizens, not to its questionable ones. The comment is made over & over that any & all War Efforts could be wiped out in just one black-out by a well co-ordinated plan of 5th columnist. Doing something definite about the Harry Bridges & other aliens would be all the spark needed for Americans to swing into High-gear War effort & feel we're all in this now for an all-out effort. It would bring it Home to us in a Concrete-Way, which is needed right now as haste & more haste is needed not just to shorten this War but to make sure we don't lose it. That FEAR is creeping more & more into the hearts of people we contact. So let our govt. do something, definite, & now.

Mrs. C. K. Schoell, 3653 Cherokee Ave.  
San Diego.



C. A. "CAPPY" RICKS, MAYOR

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CHARLES C. SCOTT

OFFICE OF DEFENSE COUNCIL  
CITY HALL - PHONE 450

## CITY OF MARTINEZ

COUNTY SEAT OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
CALIFORNIA

February 20, 1942

MARTINEZ DEFENSE COUNCIL:

C. A. RICKS, CHAIRMAN  
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WILLIAM BLAND

To: Rep. John H. Tolan, Chairman  
National Defense Migratory Committee  
1355 Market Street  
San Francisco, Cal.

From: Cappy Ricks, Mayor and Chairman Martinez Defense Council  
Martinez, Cal.

RE: ENEMY ALLEN OUSTER:

Dear John:

Joe Sparacino has an aged father who is blind. He never leaves his son's house. Joe's mother has been bedridden for a long time. An attendant is present with her twenty-four hours a day. They were not educated in Italy so could not absorb the necessary in California to become United States citizens. But their son, Joe, became a worthy, hard-working citizen--a bank director. I have appointed him a member of our Rubber Rationing Board. He has a fine family of loyal children.

But some desk sargent somewhere says Joe must establish another home over two miles away from his present fine home and set up his blind father and bedridden mother with attendant to care for them, because they are blanketed with the label "alien enemy".

Isn't that far fetched? What about the second generation boys in the Army service? Are they better soldiers because grandparents of theirs are shoved around?

Manuel Trebino has been a refinery worker for many years. He owns a small farm near town and 1000 ft. outside of the deadline established by somebody. Manuel has a sister living in Martinez who is not a citizen. So she is going out to live with her brother, Manuel. But another sister is getting married in the Catholic church in Martinez. The alien sister will not be permitted to attend the wedding because the church is in prohibited territory. Can you imagine the state of mind that this good loyal American-born family will have over such dinky desk rules?

Louis Valdi has been running a shoe store in Martinez for 20 years, to my knowledge. He has tried repeatedly to get his citizenship papers but Washington has failed to establish the boat on which he came. One of his sons is a deputy in the San Francisco office of the Internal Revenue Collector. He lives in San Francisco, which is not prohibited like Martinez. So Louis Valdi sells his shoe store on Main Street and moves to San Francisco to live with his son. Another son is a Selectee. And another son has tried to enlist but was refused on account of broken fingers. Does it make sense that our country is safer with Valdi in the heart of San Francisco than in conducting his business in Martinez where everybody knows every move he makes?



C. A. "CAPPY" RICKS, MAYOR  
COUNCILMEN  
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## CITY OF MARTINEZ

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CALIFORNIA

OFFICE OF DEFENSE COUNCIL  
CITY HALL - PHONE 450

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Rep. John H. Tolan

John, I could go on for an hour with details like this. Almost all of our old Italians here are illiterate fishermen. We have millions of native born illiterates who could not pass our own citizenship tests let alone going to a foreign country and pass one of theirs.

So there are SOME we cannot blame for failure to get by our tough examiners and courts. Why penalize one thousand to reach one? Can we not hunt the one out and save the 999 such unprofitable doings that are now happening? Who made the border lines of these prohibited districts? Such foolish lines. No investigation of where they should be--just the wave of an arm over a map and say "That's it. It's set and won't be changed." Why not make the border lines so they will oust the Japs off of vital land and not leave them across the street? Local peace officers can advise on that point and not stranger Army officers.

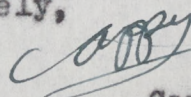
Why penalize loyal residents who have their first papers and now have their second papers frozen? Why not order quick court hearings and let them have their second papers where justified?

Local rationing boards could be appointed to filter alien enemies through hearings and permit them restricted freedom in the custody of their family homes, in my opinion. This should be done before the local economy is upset too much by breaking up homes, buying new homes elsewhere and creating discord among enlisted children as well as local defense workers.

So that you won't get the wrong idea, John, permit me to state that, in my opinion, Martinez has done as much, if not more, for civilian defense than any other comparable town in the United States. There is nothing that we have fallen down on, from robbing other City Departments to spend their budgeted funds for defense work, to forming National Guards, State Guards and hundreds of well trained civilian defense workers. We are doing more than our share per capita, in my opinion. But we have our Italian migratory fishermen problem. And their children run our economy to a great extent.

Please consider this my testimony at your hearings. You are doing a good job and I wish you luck. I know that only kindness and consideration for others will come out of these hearings, and that you will be able to apply your experience into recommendations for correcting the inequities of the present administrative order.

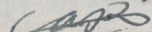
Sincerely,



Cappy

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P.S. John--The Constitution can go overboard, if necessary, as regards to Japs. I do not think it possible to crystal gaze well enough to determine whether a local born Jap is loyal or not. Do it constitutionally if you can. If not possible, then we must win a war by dictatorship methods.

Cappy 



POCATELLO POST NO. 735  
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U. S.

Pocatello, Idaho  
Feb. 22, 1942

From office of Chief of Staff, Dept. of Idaho, to Hon. John H. Tolan

Dear Sir:

You will ppardon this letter but I see by the paper you are the man that has the problem of solving whare to send the Aliens to from the coast may I sugest this to you there are many abanded C. C. C. Camps in Idaho and Wyoming. Those that were built and used under the National Grazing Act. Location of same.

Kimama Idaho . Blain County Desert cuountry 14 miles From Rupert.

Minidoka County is another Camp.

Morland Idaho in Bingham County Desert country next to big farm Ara

these camps and many others in the State would take care of two thousand of them.

They could Harvest the Sugar Beet and potato Crops in Idaho . if nothing

els they could harvest the Rabbit Brush Which has a Rubber Content .

Now these Camps were good enough for C C C boys So why hell not Aliens.

If nothing els they can herd Jack Rabbits. \_\_\_\_\_

From one that went through the last war in France. England . Russia.

Respt. Yours.

(Signed) L. A. Watts,

732 W. Whitman Pocatello,  
Chief of Staff Dept. of Idaho



C.A. "Cappy" Rick's, Mayor of Manting, Cal. to Q  
Tolan - Feb. 20, 1942

Long letter re: Italian "hardship" cases  
& need for exemptions. — P. S.:

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J. F. McSwain

Berkeley

no date - Feb 10

For Evacuation

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Methodist Church (Rev) Education

Los Angeles

Jan 29<sup>th</sup>, 42

Offered to Evacuate

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Cal Brage News (Wm. Ayers, ed.)

Sacramento

Feb 20

Get him out

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Office of Production Management  
DIVISION OF CONTRACT DISTRIBUTION  
San Francisco

INTERVIEW MEMORANDUM

Date

4/24/47

Firm

L. N. Mc Kown

Address

60 Calif. St

Telephone No.

RA 7320

Name

Canning business: buys produce for canning.

ant Mgr. Buying Dept.

Lilly. Mc Kown & Lilly. =

CONTACT: Interview

Phone

Plant

SUBJECT:

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COMMENTS:

20 yrs exp in buying from Jap. growers + personal  
exp. with several hundred - att'd weddings, christenings  
etc.

97% of Japs belong to associations - most belong to

Japanese Central Assn. =

Removal from agriculture: as hired labor negligible

Principally farm tenants - ownership small (> 2<sup>nd</sup> gen). 80%

of cases alien interests involved. - Larger the farm - more apt  
to be citizen.

Crops - intensely cult'd -

Trading With the Enemy Act!!

alien Land Law!!

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DISPOSITION

Thomas

BY:



~~Not for Record~~  
O.K. to use

Exhibit - Statement by McKnown, 60  
on Japanese evacuation

San Francisco, Calif.,  
Feb. 22, 1942

California Street, San Francisco, Calif.

Tolan Committee,  
San Francisco, Calif.,

Gentlemen:

Attention Mr. Thomas

Pursuant to your request I herewith set forth my views and observations of the Japanese removal situation, as expressed orally to you in our conversation on Feb. 21.

These are my personal views and observations, drawn from 20 years experience in large scale buying of farm products from the Japanese in California, Oregon and Washington, considerable association with them since early childhood and a fairly wide acquaintance-ship and friendship among them.

The removal of Japanese, both alien and citizen, should be decided on the basis of military expediency only and the resultant economic problem met as best it may. The latter is strictly a matter of dollars and cents and at the highest possible estimate cannot possibly outweigh the military values involved.

Farmers who fear  
labor shortage  
are in same  
boat.

I wish to emphasize strongly that a decision be reached promptly and if evacuation is the order, it be accomplished without delay. The Japs are now unsettled and undecided whether or not to go ahead with planting of Spring crops which must be done at once. This condition will continue until a decision is announced. The longer evacuation is delayed the greater will be the problems to be met and the greater will be the disruption to production of food.

FACTORS IN THE EXISTING SITUATION Most Japs, probably better than 95% belong to the Japanese Association, either directly or thru social or trade organizations. Membership is seldom acknowledged, even in subsidiary groups. Few take active part but all do as they are told. Many Nisei would like to break away but never do if their fathers are alive and living with them and find it difficult to do business if they do break away. Japs living where there are no other or few Japs are most likely to be non-members.

At least 75% are Shintoists or Buddhists and half the pro-ressed Christians are at heart one or the other. These religions involve reverence for land of ancestors and place of birth, which, with divinity of Emperor, raises Jap loyalty to Japan far above normal sentimental ties of other nationalities. This loyalty can probably never be extinguished in alien born, tho in many cases it would remain passive if the individual were left to himself. At least 50%, maybe much more, of citizen males take oath of allegiance to Japan on attaining majority, many unwillingly. A large proportion of the Nisei would probably be entirely loyal to U.S. if left to their own desires.



Separation from parents wouldn't be too much of a blow to many Nisei. They are held to Jap living standards and forced to do field labor by parents. Many would welcome the chance to live American style, learn other pursuits. Leaving sentiment out entirely, the younger generation should be completely separated from their parents. It should be borne in mind that the father is the boss as long as he is alive in practically all matters. Relatively few children effectively break away from the father's control.

Jap farming is dominated by aliens. Ownerships, leaseholds, growing contracts are made in citizens' names, usually children. In about 80% of the cases there is an alien interest and the alien is usually the principal. These alien interests may be roughly divided as - parent, 80%, - other relation (husband, wife, brother, sister,) 10%, - no relation, 10%. In the case of the parent, he is almost certain to be the principal even tho all money is handled by the child and the child does most of the work. Where there is an adult son this may approximate a partnership. Where some other relative or non-relative is involved an alien is usually the principal in fact, tho a few partnerships do exist.

The percentage of alien interests in farming operations will vary in different districts from 65% to 95%, and may be gauged reasonably well by the acreage farmed by the individual; the smaller the acreage, the larger the percentage of alien interest. The alien Jap is primarily a small farmer and specializes on intensive cultivation and crops that require a lot of hand labor. The Nisei adopt American methods and increase their acreage and some move their parents up to this type of farming. There are exceptions both ways, of course. Not a large proportion of American born males stay with farming unless with their parents.

#### REPLACEMENT OF JAPANESE FARM PRODUCTION

Agricultural products grown by Japs are principally vegetables and small fruits-berries, etc., which, in order of importance may be further classified thus:

- a Fresh vegetables for local markets which are grown on small farms and marketed continuously the year round.
- b Contract crops, mostly canning and seed. Canning crops are tomatoes, spinach, beans, cabbage, cucumbers, berries. Seed takes in wide variety. These are grown on larger scale.
- c Vegetables, melons, etc., for eastern shipment. Grown on same scale as contract crops, tho some big operators.

All these crops can be and are being grown competitively by white farmers on the Pacific Coast and elsewhere, so there is no question but that Jap production can be replaced as far as growing ability is concerned. There will be temporary dislocations in the supply of some products in some districts but these are not likely to be serious. The problem resolves itself in to one of money and labor supply.

Japs specialize on intensively cultivated crops which require a lot of hand labor, usually double or triple crop land, work long hours with wives and children, have low living standards.



Consequently, they can produce at low cost, which in final analysis means they work for lower wages. They can also afford to pay higher land rental which is the reason they usually have the best land. White farmers can grow many of these crops on a larger scale, get less production per acre but with fewer labor hours per unit of production. This has been demonstrated many times. The net result is the use of more acres of land, of which we have plenty, less rental per acre.

Some crops cannot be grown without a great deal of hand labor, but they are grown elsewhere by white farmers and will be grown here on the Coast if the price is attractive enough. The law of supply and demand takes care of such situations in a remarkably short time. We have many times had vegetable producing areas devastated by flood or other casualty but the population it supplied was never seriously deprived of those products. Prices went up and attracted supplies from elsewhere until local production again became available. Removal of Japs would curtail local supplies, prices would advance and bring in outside supplies, local white growers would see chances of good profits and start up local production again. Long range result may be slightly higher prices for some products because whites have higher living standards, have to get better returns.

Canning and seed crops present substantially the same problem and solution. In a few cases new production areas may have to be found because of particular local conditions. Dislocation this year will be felt most in this class of crops because growing contracts have already been made and seed beds planted for some crops. These will be hard to replace this late in the season. Effective cooperation of Government and landowners will be needed to avoid bad breakdown of vegetable canning program and seed production, but it can be done.

Adjustment of acreage of products for eastern shipment will probably be accomplished without a ripple.

Correction of the situation by means of price is already evident in anticipation of the removal of Japs. Some market crops which can be held in the ground are not being marketed in expectation of higher prices later. Plantings are being increased in non-Jap areas. Growers are asking higher prices for contract crops to be planted.

#### LABOR SUPPLY

Removal of Japs will obviously curtail an already acutely short labor supply, but nowhere near in the proportion that the number of individuals removed bears to the total labor supply. As hired farm labor the Japs are insignificant. Most are farming for themselves, some are contractors, some groups contract with big operators and work on a cooperative basis. As stated previously, some crops will be grown by different methods with less labor hours and would account for 10% to 20% of the total Jap labor hours. Peak labor requirement is during harvest. Jap farmers perform most cultural labor themselves, have to hire a large part of their harvest labor. During this period at least half of the Japs are partly or wholly supervisory. This supervisory labor must be replaced, of course, but little of it will come from what would otherwise be manual labor.



A large part of it would come from white farmers handling a larger acreage. Careful management of the problem could bring about this result..

Everyone familiar with the situation, including the Japs, is dubious, to say the least, about the ability of the Japs to get labor to work for them, with jobs going begging on every hand. Filipinos promptly went on record against working for the Japs and whites have shown a marked aversion. Many Japs have made plans to keep out of sight during harvest and have a white man handle the job. It is my opinion that the difficulties of getting labor to harvest Jap owned crops would be far greater than replacing the labor lost by their removal. If I may be permitted an extraneous crack, there is a sufficient supply of labor to take care of our crops if it is marshalled together, but unless some realistic and practical program is pushed out of the conversation and theorizing stage at once, the shortage of farm labor will be so bad that the missing Japs wont even be noticed.

#### DISPOSITION OF JAP PROPERTY

Problem will vary considerably according to district and crops grown. Property will fall into these classifications:

- a Owned land, represents small proportion and least concern. Wont depreciate, most is good land, can be readily rented.
- b Leaseholds, not difficult if no crops are growing. Biggest problem to get new tenants.
- c Growing crops, which are a part of leaseholds. Have to be handled promptly and some tough adjustments to work out for work already done.
- d Personal property, principally farming equipment. This is knottiest problem.

Prompt, practical and efficient handling of Jap affairs is necessary to avoid severe losses to Japs, landowners, consumers. Administrators should have a thorough practical knowledge of local farming and marketing conditions. I suggest that an Alien Property Custodian be assisted in each locality by a committee of at least three local men selected from the Production Credit Association or National Farm Loan Association, the County War Board and some private citizen who has particular knowledge of the local problem. I also suggest that several Jap citizens be retained as liaison men and have them familiarize themselves with the affairs of each Jap who is moved.

A limited fund of money will be necessary to carry on farm work on growing crops until other disposition is made. Such expenditures can be recovered when disposition is made of the crop. No attempt should be made to operate any property longer than is necessary to obtain another tenant.

Owned land should be rented at prevailing rates. Owner should be allowed to make his own deal if he can do so.

In the case of leases, the Japs should first be given an opportunity to make their own deals if they can do so, as they will



probably dispose of their personal property at the same time and thus get rid of a bad problem. The landlords should then <sup>be</sup> promptly canvassed and urged to make an equitable settlement with Jap tenants for rent paid and interest in growing crops, cancel leases and farm the land themselves or get their own tenants. Every assistance should be given on the latter but as a helpful service - not as a legal obligation. Landlords should also be urged to carry out growing contracts entered into by their Jap tenants or require their new tenants to do so. Landlords won't object too much to such a program. Most of them have been parties to violations or evasions of the Alien Land Law. In many cases they will have to take a lower rental than they received from their Jap tenants but they merit little sympathy on that score. I believe a Property Custodian would have to find new tenants or actually handle less than 10% of the leases.

Those leases that can't be put back into the landlords' lap should be handled as owned property; farm work properly done only until a tenant can be found to take over.

Personal property presents the most difficult problem. In many cases it represents a large part of the Jap farmer's assets. It depreciates rapidly, rental to others isn't practicable and its sale value might be very low if much were offered at one time. A lot of it isn't fully paid for. If Japs are moved to other farming areas and allowed to operate, they should be allowed to take their equipment with them. They should be allowed to make private sales but warned against low prices if many try to sell. Remainder should be taken over by Custodian for eventual disposal. Most can probably be sold to new tenants who come in on the land.

I believe all transactions in land, crops and personal property should be subject to approval of Custodian to prevent bilking of Japs by sharpshooters who try to pick up bargains, may later fail to pay as promised.

#### DISPOSITION OF THE JAPS

Removal should be en masse or reasonably so, to internment centers such as CCC camps and eventual disposition made from there. The reasons for this are not only military but to avoid discrimination or thought of it among the Japs themselves and to minimize as much as possible the settlement of their property affairs. The longer they stay, the more work they will have in growing crops, or, if they don't plant the crops, the more retarded will be job of a new tenant.

Any sifting out of loyal Japs can be done after they have been moved when the sifting process can be done more deliberately. I honestly do not know of a reliable gauge or test of a Japs loyalty and question the advisability of allowing any to come back to the Coast, not only for this reason but also because a lot of other Japs who are just as loyal but can't prove it are going to be very resentful.

The Japs should be placed where they can do the most good. The farmers are very good with truck crops and should therefore be



located where they can grow these crops. They are poor at dry farming, very poor with livestock. There are very few extensive truck crop areas from within 100 miles inland from the Pacific to the Mississippi except southern Texas which presents about the same military problem as the Pacific Coast. Small groups of Japs might be utilized in the truck crop areas which are near almost every city, but the largest number could best be used in the Mid-West vegetables growing areas in Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Michigan, where the movement to highly paid industrial jobs has denuded many districts of sufficient labor to till the land and to process the crops. The Japs would fit into such a situation with a minimum of adjustment and a maximum of gain to the country. These location should be selected on the basis the greatest benefit to the nation. There will be local prejudice against the Japs if the were placed in the middle of the desert.

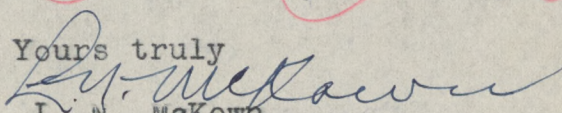
I believe the Japs should be allowed to farm for themselves in their new location if they so desire, either alien or citizen. They certainly won't be better risks just because they are made to work for wages and certainly wont accomplish as much in the way of production. They would be much more likely to be loyal if allowed to live as they have been accustomed. Furthermore, farmers don't congregate as much as laborers. No attempt should be made to raise the standard of living and housing habits of the old folks. The effort will be unsuccessful and unappreciated.

A great many of the younger Japs could be used to advantage in industrial jobs - non-strategic ones if deemed advisable. Many would welcome the opportunity to learn another means of livelihood. They are usually faithful and willing workers, with aptitude and adeptness equal to whites.

The entire problem should be approached with the objectives of (a) causing as little dislocation as possible in the communities they leave (b) making the greatest possible use of their talents and abilities and without the appearance of punitive action (c) Holding the goodwill of the Japs themselves as much as possible in the handling of their business affairs and relocation and employment of them. A large proportion will be loyal or at worst, passively disloyal. Their attitude can be influenced considerably by the treatment given them. It's never wise to make an unnecessary enemy.

I wish to request that my name not be connected with this statement except for the confidential use of the Committee - this for business reasons. I will be glad to explain or amplify any part of this statement or be of assistance in any other way possible.

Yours truly

  
L. N. McKown

60 California Str.  
San Francisco, Calif.



Paul A. McCarthy  
Attorney at law  
1220 Mills Tower  
220 Bush St.  
San Francisco, Cal.  
Feb. 23, 1942

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Hon John Tolan  
Congressman

Dear Friend John

One of my associates, Mr. C. Huntington Jacobs, President of the Military Law Association, believes that it is important to have a meeting between yourself (with other members of your committee, if you think it appropriate) and Col Rucker, J.A. G. D., retired, and Mr. Jacobs for a discussion of the necessity of congressional action, as a matter of law, as an immediate step in a declaration of martial law.

If you will kindly indicate when in the next day or so you can meet these gentlemen Mr. Jacobs will arrange for Col Rucker and himself to meet you.

With best wishes,  
Sincerely,  
(Signed) Paul A. McCarthy

Feb 18, 42  
G.I. Jackson  
Berkeley

More all Japs

C. K. Schell  
San Diego  
Feb 19

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For love

A. W. Litts  
Pasadena  
Feb no date

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<sup>Japs</sup>  
But Japs <sup>Japs</sup> near plants so if  
Japs bomb, Japs will be killed.

Ruth Benedict  
Los Angeles Branch of Women's Int'l League for Peace & Freedom  
Feb - no date  
Against evacuation

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Geo. Goodsell  
Feb 17, 42  
Fullerton, Cali

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More Japs fast!



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SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY HENRY A MORGENTHAU

SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

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JOHN H. TOLAN CHAIRMAN HOUSE COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING  
NATIONAL DEFENSE MIGRATION

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MR. MARRINER *ECCLES - Re Hunt + Shaw*  
CHAIRMAN, FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

BOOK MESSAGE

NIGHT TELEGRAM

February 23, 1942

From: Committee Investigating  
National Defense Migration  
Chg. Appropriation: San Francisco Office.

COPY OF TELEGRAM SENT SPEAKER SAM HAYBURN:

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HOUSE COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING NATIONAL  
DEFENSE MIGRATION



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HARDY'S THEATRES

Hardy's Fresno Theatre

Fulton Theatre, Fresno

Lyceum Theatre, Fresno

Santa Clara Theatre, Santa Clara

Hardy's Theatre Confectionery

Executive Office

944 Van Ness Ave. - Fresno, California

Telephone: Fresno 3-6166

Gerald Hardy, Owner

Norris Ott, General Mgr.

February 25, 1942

The Honorable John H. Tolan  
House of Representative  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tolan:

I have just written a letter to Mr. B. W. Gearhart, Member of Congress from Fresno, in regard to the Japanese problem and it occurred to me that since I have a business in your district, namely the Piedmont Theatre, Oakland, and I am just as much a resident of that district as I am of Fresno, that I should be writing to you instead of Mr. Gearhart, especially since you are Chairman of the committee investigating this subject.

I am one person who doesn't believe in sitting around and doing a lot of talking without making suggestions when criticizing certain acts. I have previously expressed criticism of permitting Japanese, both citizens and aliens alike, to reside in areas where they can cause serious damage. A great deal has already been done towards removing these persons but it has been altogether too slow and ineffective to suit the majority of people who believe as I do.

I would suggest that as many of these Japanese as possible be put into concentration camps in the interior of the United States and in order to prevent others from roaming loose unprotected, that an outstanding citizen be selected, who is an organizer and has a reputation of getting things done, in each of the key cities over all sections of California who will organize a group of about fifty persons who are of a like character. This group to act under the supervision and training of the F. B. I. Agent in the area to report and investigate subversive activity and have the authority to arrest and remove suspicious characters. These men to be armed and trained in military tactics so that they could be used to assist local and state police and form the basis of a local citizen force which could put down riots and help protect vital sections in the event of emergency. There are many citizens of this character who are over military age and although in active business likewise could devote a certain portion of their time to such a venture.

As mentioned above, I am merely making this as a suggestion



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Honorable John H. Tolan

which I believe would be a step in the right direction towards an organization which could not only remove suspicious characters but would continually be on the lookout for other persons who might be dangerous to our national defense.

I sincerely hope you will continue the good work you and your Committee have already begun and that results may be obtained whereby all Japanese are removed from the State of California.

Cordially yours,

/s/ Gerald Hardy  
Gerald Hardy

GH/fs



California Grange News

Official Publication of the California State Grange - Reaches the Cream of California Farmers

309 Insurance Bldg  
Sacramento, Calif.

Feb. 25, 1942

Representative John H. Tolan  
House Office Bldg/  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman:

We hope your committee hearings in California were successful and that they revealed to you how strongly the residents of the State feel about the alien situation, and that we are looking to the Congress for an early solution to a problem which is becoming increasingly dangerous as the war is being brought to our shores.

The California State Grange -- representing some 30,000 honest-to-goodness farmers over the State -- is considerably alarmed over the proposal to place alien Japanese in camps in rural sections of California, to be used as agricultural labor. We believe any such concentrations within this State would be detrimental to public safety. A flood of communications to our office substantiates this view.

California farmers do not want Japanese farm labor. They believe the work can be done with Filipino and Mexican labor where white workers are not available.  
workers

We believe it would be a grave mistake to try to foist Japanese ~~labor~~ on California farmers where they are not wanted, not only because of the farmer's attitude towards the alien Jap worker, but because of the great danger of having concentrations of these enemy aliens so near the coast -- and especially in less protected rural areas -- where an attack is not only possible but likely.

You recall I spoke to you in San Francisco Saturday, Feb. 21, about presenting these facts before your committee investigating evacuation problems, but your calendar was full that day. I regret it was not possible for me to stay over until Monday to appear before the committee personally.

I trust you will give this written testimony of the California State Grange serious consideration when drafting legislation to remedy the dangerous alien problem that now exists on this coast.

Very sincerely yours,

Wm. A. Ayres, Editor  
CALIFORNIA GRANGE NEWS



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February 26, 1942

JOHN H. TOLAN, CHAIRMAN  
HOUSE COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING NATIONAL  
DEFENSE MIGRATION  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

YOUR TELEGRAM OF FEBRUARY 23 HAS BEEN CAREFULLY STUDIED BY THIS DEPARTMENT. WE ARE IN AGREEMENT THAT THERE IS A GENERAL NEED FOR CAREFUL PLANNING WITH RESPECT TO THE RESETTLEMENT OF PERSONS, BOTH ALIENS AND CITIZENS, EVACUATED FROM STRATEGIC AREAS AND THAT THE PROBLEM IS ONE IN WHICH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD ASSUME A MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY.

WHILE THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT STANDS READY TO HANDLE ANY PROBLEMS WITHIN ITS PROPERTYSHERE OF OPERATION, I AM SURE THAT YOU WILL AGREE THAT THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN NATIONAL DEFENSE MIGRATION ARE PRIMARILY SOCIAL PROBLEMS ENVISAGING THE UP-ROOTING OF A LARGE SEGMENT OF POPULATION FROM AN AREA AND THE TRANSPLANTING OF THIS GROUP IN A NEW LOCALITY. THE PROBLEM IS VERY SIMILAR TO THAT INVOLVED IN THE DUST BOWL MIGRATION OR IN THE RESETTLEMENT OF FAMILIES MOVED FROM SUB-MARGINAL LAND. AS WE SEE IT, THE SAME PROBLEM WOULD BE RAISED IF THE ARMY DECIDED TO CLEAR A SUBSTANTIAL AREA OF ALL OF ITS INHABITANTS IN ORDER TO USE THE GROUND FOR MANEUVERS, MUNITIONS DUMP OR A FIRING RANGE. IN ANY SUCH CASE THE INHABITANTS OF THE AREA ON SHORT NOTICE WOULD HAVE TO BE RESETTLED IN NEW AREAS, FIND NEW EMPLOYMENT, AND LIQUIDATE AT FORCED SALE THEIR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY.

AS WE SEE IT, VESTING TITLE IN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT



OF THE PROPERTY OF THE GROUPS BEING RESETTLED WOULD ONLY FURTHER COMPLICATE AN ALREADY AGGRAVATED SOCIAL PROBLEM. MOREOVER, AS YOU POINTED OUT IN YOUR TELEGRAM, THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED ARE NOT CONFINED TO ALIENS BUT UNDOUBTEDLY WILL INVOLVE UNITED STATES CITIZENS AS WELL.

IT IS THE VIEW OF THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT THAT THE SOCIAL PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN ANY SUCH RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM SHOULD BE HANDLED BY ONE OR MORE DEPARTMENTS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HANDLING SIMILAR SOCIAL PROBLEMS OR, IF NEED BE, A NEW AGENCY CREATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEALING WITH THE PROBLEMS OF NATIONAL DEFENSE MIGRATION.

/s/ H. Morgenthau, Jr.

Secretary of Treasury



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SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY HENRY A MORGENTHAU

SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

WE URGE THE IMMEDIATE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL ALIEN PROPERTY CUSTODIAN OFFICE FOR THE PACIFIC COAST AREA. WE HAVE LEARNED OF NUMEROUS SACRIFICE SALES BY ALIENS; THIS OFFICE SHOULD HAVE EXISTED BEFORE THE EVACUATION OF FEBRUARY 15. IT MUST BE FUNCTIONING BEFORE ADDITIONAL PROHIBITED AREAS ARE EVACUATED. MANY WITNESSES BEFORE THIS COMMITTEE HAVE URGED THIS ACTION.

CITIZENS WHO MAY BE EVACUATED WILL REQUIRE SIMILAR PROTECTION FOR THEIR PROPERTY, AND LEGISLATION MAY BE NEEDED TO SET UP SUCH CUSTODIANSHIP. IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT THE NEED FOR AN ALIEN PROPERTY CUSTODIAN ON THE COAST IS BUT ONE EXAMPLE OF A GENERAL NEED FOR ADVANCE PLANNING FOR THE CIVILIAN PROBLEMS WHICH ARE ACCOMPANYING THE EVACUATION OF ALIENS AND WILL ACCOMPANY ANY FUTURE EVACUATIONS. THE ARMY, AFTER DESIGNATING STRATEGIC AREAS, NEEDS THE PLANNED ASSISTANCE OF THE CIVILIAN AGENCIES OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN HANDLING THE ACTUAL EVACUATION AND IN RESETTLING THE EVACUEES. THE NEED FOR ADVANCE PLANNING AND COORDINATION OF ALL CIVILIAN AGENCIES CONCERNED WITH EVACUATION PROBLEMS EXISTS NOW

JOHN H. TOLAN CHAIRMAN HOUSE COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING  
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SEATTLE, WASHINGTON  
FEBRUARY 28, 1942

LIEUTENANT GENERAL JOHN L. DE WITT  
PRESIDIO  
SAN FRANCISCO

JUST SENT FOLLOWING TELEGRAM TO PRESIDENT, COPIES TO WAR AND JUSTICE DEPARTMENTS:

"MY UNDERSTANDING THAT EVACUATION ORDER IS IMMINENT THINK IT IMPERATIVE THAT APPOINTMENT OF ALIEN PROPERTY CUSTODIAN AND ALSO COORDINATOR FOR ENEMY ALIEN PROBLEMS PRECEDE OR AT LEAST COINCIDE WITH ANNOUNCEMENT OF ORDER. UNNECESSARY TO INDICATE TO YOU THAT COORDINATOR SHOULD BE EXPERIENCED ADMINISTRATOR TRAINED IN HANDLING COMMUNITY AND FAMILY RELATIONSHIP PROBLEMS, INCLUDING WELFARE, HEALTH, RESETTLEMENT. COORDINATORS JOB WILL INCLUDE REEMPLOYMENT AND AGRICULTURAL PROBLEMS. URGE ALSO THAT COORDINATORS OFFICE START AT ONCE MAKING PLANS FOR CREATING BOARDS SIMILAR TO PRESENT ENEMY ALIEN HEARING BOARDS OR COMPARABLE LOCAL MACHINERY FOR EXAMINING LOYALTY OF ITALIAN AND GERMAN



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LIEUTENANT GENERAL JOHN L. DE WITT PAGE 2

ALIENS AND CERTIFICATION OF STATUS. COORDINATOR SHOULD KEEP LOCAL OFFICIALS INFORMED  
OF DEVELOPMENTS AND CONSULT THEM AS FAR AS POSSIBLE.

JOHN H. TOLAN, CHAIRMAN  
HOUSE COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING NATIONAL  
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WESTERN UNION WIRE FROM SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, MARCH 1, 1942

SENATOR RUFUS C. HOLMAN  
CAPITOL  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

SENDING YOU COPY OF HEARING TRANSCRIPT AIRMAIL. WITNESSES' TESTIMONY REFLECTS THEIR FEARS REGARDING SABOTAGE AND PRESENTS THEIR PROPOSALS FOR EVACUATION. THEY ARE RELYING ON ARMY AND NAVY FOR DEFENSE OF PACIFIC COAST. REPEATEDLY HAVE I TOLD AT HEARINGS SAN FRANCISCO, PORTLAND, AND SEATTLE THE PART THE SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF OREGON, WASHINGTON, AND CALIFORNIA PLAYED IN RECOMMENDATION TO THE PRESIDENT REGARDING THE EVACUATION ALL CITIZENS WHICH RESULTED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT.

JOHN H. TOLAN, CHAIRMAN  
HOUSE COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING NATIONAL  
DEFENSE MIGRATION



CANADA HAS JUST INTERNED HER JAPANESE MEN IN WORK CAMPS!

WON'T YOU order EVERY JAPANESE--American-born or not--  
into a CONCENTRATION CAMP at once and thwart their  
FIFTH COLUMNIST PLANS? And segregate the sexes. We  
have too many Japanese-Americans already.

Filipinos ON BOARD ALL OUR BATTLESHIPS AND IN SENIOR  
OFFICERS' HOMES should be replaced lest they turn spy  
due to THREATS TO THEIR FAMILIES IN THE PHILIPPINES.

The Japanese Boast they will invade HAWAII and our  
WEST COAST soon and then sweep all before them and  
DICTATE PEACE FROM THE WHITE HOUSE! They say they  
can hold the few high passes against counter-attacks  
for years, once they are established on the Coast.  
Without help from Japanese in Hawaii and on the  
West Coast, they are powerless. ACT NOW and SAVE  
HAWAII, ALASKA AND OUR PACIFIC COAST STATES.

119 City Park, Portsmouth, Va.

*Leora H. Coldwell*

Wife of Lieut. Comdr. H. Coldwell, U.S.N.A. Class of 1920

Sister of Lieut. Comdr. C. Helber, U.S.N.A. Class of 1922





THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

*Rep. John H. Tolan,*

HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING,

WASHINGTON, D. C.



File Holman (note attached to letter Feb. 19, 1942)

SENATOR HOLMAN would be grateful if you or Mr. Lamb would wire him as to any information developed as a result of the hearing or of the field investigation pertinent to the purposes of his committee. I called the Senator's office when this letter came in to say that I should suggest such a telegram, and the alacrity with which it was acclaimed suggests that the Senator is somewhat depressed by lack of news.

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United States Senate  
Committee on Appropriations  
February 19, 1942

Hon. John H. Tolan,

Last Friday, February 13, Senator Johnson appointed a subcommittee, of which I am Chairman, to call upon the President and amplify recommendations adopted by the members of Congress from the Pacific Coast states relative to protection of that area from possible sabotage and fifth column activities by alien enemies.

In the meantime alarm, justified in my opinion, is growing among the residents of the Pacific coastal area incident to what appears to be an increasing hazard of attack there by the Japanese and other foreign foes who are waging wars upon us. Yet, unfortunately, we do not have adequate information as to what the military, naval and air forces of our Government are doing for the protection of the people there in their persons, pursuits and property. I, as chairman of your committee considering this subject, would like to receive your suggestions as to what steps we may now take as a body to augment the defense of the Pacific Coast area.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Rufus C. Holman



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HONORABLE JOHN H TOLAN, CHAIRMAN SELECT COMMITTEE-  
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REURTEL APPRECIATE PROMPT REPLY. HAVE PHONED HONOLULU AND WAS INFORMED COMMUNITY QUITE CONCERNED AT CHARACTER TESTIMONY OFFERED YOUR COMMITTEE, PURPORTEDLY DESCRIBING CONDITIONS IN HAWAII. FOLLOWING YOUR DIRECTIONS, HAVE WIRED FOR STATEMENTS FROM RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS BUT BELIEVE SUCH REQUEST SHOULD MORE PROPERLY EMANATE DIRECTLY FROM COMMITTEE ITSELF. HONOLULU CITIZENS HAVE ASKED ME URGE YOU EITHER HOLD HEARINGS IN HONOLULU OR IF UNABLE TO DO SO DESIGNATE FEDERAL AGENCY REPRESENTING COMMITTEE TO ACCEPT SWORN STATEMENTS FROM OFFICIALS AND REPRESENTATIVE CITIZENS. AS HAWAII IS UNDER MARTIAL LAW AND MILITARY GOVERNOR IS IN CHARGE BELIEVE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SECTION OF HAWAIIAN DEPARTMENT US ARMY COULD ACT IN THIS CAPACITY OR AS ALTERNATIVES LOCAL OFFICE OF FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION OR US DISTRICT ATTORNEY AT HONOLULU. IMPORTANT POINT IS THAT SUCH STATEMENTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO COMMITTEE DIRECTLY AND MADE UNDER OATH TO COMMITTEE OR FEDERAL OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED BY COMMITTEE TO ACT FOR IT. IN MATTER OF SUCH VITAL IMPORTANCE TO HAWAII BELIEVE COMMITTEE WOULD BE JUSTIFIED IN REQUIRING SWORN STATEMENTS WHICH WILL HAVE MORE WEIGHT THAN THOSE SOLICITED BY ME-

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Los Angeles, March 7, 1942

Hon. Archibald MacLeish  
Office of Facts and Figures  
Library of Congress  
Washington, D. C.

*Tolan Cunn*

DURING OUR COMMITTEE HEARINGS TODAY ON ENEMY ALIEN PROBLEMS WE HEARD DR. THOMAS MANN AND DR. BRUNO FRANK. THEIR STATEMENTS, IT SEEMS TO ME, GET AT THE ROOTS OF A CRUCIAL PROBLEM IN OUR NATIONAL LIFE. THE COURAGE AND IMAGINATION WITH WHICH WE MEET THE PROBLEM OF OUR ALIEN POPULATION WILL DETERMINE IN LARGE MEASURE THE PATTERN OF OUR NATIONAL LIFE BOTH NOW AND IN THE POST-WAR PERIOD. FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION, I AM FORWARDING A COPY OF DR. MANN'S STATEMENT AND THE SECTION OF THE TRANSCRIPT CONTAINING HIS TESTIMONY. SINCERELY

John H. Tolan, Chairman  
Member of Congress

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Mr. John H. Tolson  
Chairman Congressional Com.  
Los Angeles  
Cal.

4427 Brighton Ave., San Diego, Calif.

March 7th, 1942.

Use your influence to move the Japanese to farming communities EAST of the Rockies.

Too many of us know the plans of the "War Lords" of Japan -- and we also know their plans with reference to the entire coast west of the Rockies. We also know the awful type of intimidation they have used on their own people who opposed them in their own country, which they are using on their people all over the world.

We do not hate any race of people, and we do not want to learn to so strain either our love or theirs -- for it is a proven fact in our history that we can hate and punish swiftly. We want no "Vigilantes" -- unless other means fail. It is wholly unnecessary that such a thing should occur, if the proper authorities work swiftly, efficiently, and intelligently.

It is only ignorant "stuffed shirtism" that refuses to see the truth.

It would be awful if the Japanese are put where they can be forced or willing to destroy our water supplies or rail communications.

Study your maps, and see how many openings we have through the Rockies. Then sit down and think! Then consider the "Black Dragons". Then get up and demand that the Japanese be put where they can HELP us, not HARM us. Farm help is needed in Oklahoma, Nebraska, Kansas -- put them there! We will all hail your efforts!

We have a foe who is using all he has and whatever he can steal from the other fellow. He is cruel, brilliant, speedy and relentless -- and we have been fed a lot of "pap" about how quickly we could deal with him -- and we had better do some re-considering about his abilities.

He may strike here NEXT, and SOON! Why turn elsewhere, unless HE HAS TO? Again, look at your map, and THINK! Remember, Australia, the Burma Road, even Hawaii, may be a well planned feint to attract our attention elsewhere. Surprise is a wonderful weapon, and one that has always been the greatest in any attack.

They have what THEY want NOW. Now they MUST assure themselves keeping it. They are not concerned about Germany, but they are concerned about what we can and will do to Japan as soon as possible from this west coast -- and they now know where our fleet is -- right where they want it!

We have been so ignorant in the past. For God's sake, get busy before it is too late!

I am having this mimeographed, so that I can easily and quickly send to many sources,

Yours truly,

Margaret E. Rymming

P.S. -  
Let the voices of all  
citizens, every one Governors, senators, Congressmen  
Representatives -- U.S.A. which means US ALL  
demand this justice now there is not one  
minute to lose. We certainly are not so dumb  
as to let some one stab us in the back --

Thank You

M-E-R.



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COURTNEY LACEY  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
JAMES OVIATT BUILDING  
617 SOUTH OLIVE STREET  
LOS ANGELES

March 7, 1942.

Honorable John H. Tolan, Chairman,  
Congressional Committee on Evacuation  
of Alien Enemies.

Sir:

*in the record*

During the past few days I have had conversations with several Japanese nationals residing in Southern California. Today one of them, an influential business man in Los Angeles, stated to me that he and some of his friends had been discussing the evacuation problem, and, according to them, it would seem:

That the Japanese Government is willing to accept a return to Japan of those Japanese nationals now residing in the United States who wish to return to Japan; that the Japanese Government will provide transportation for them; that in the return of such Japanese nationals to their own country, the Japanese Government will return the interned Americans held in Japan; the exchange, so to speak, to be effected on some isolated island in the mid Pacific Ocean, or any other suitable location and under supervision of a neutral nation; both the United States and Japan to guarantee safe conduct during the exchange.

Thousands of Japanese nationals now residing in the United States wish to and are willing to return to Japan. The estimated number given to me by the Japanese is approximately 40,000, which includes, of course, the wives and minor children.

I have been asked to submit to your Honorable Committee the above proposed plan.

And, in doing so, I would respectfully call your attention to the fact that thereby the financial burden which will rest upon our country, if we are compelled to indefinitely care for these Japanese nationals in concentration camps, or otherwise, will be greatly lessened. It will also serve to eliminate from our country those Japanese about whom there is or may be some question concerning their danger and enmity to our country. It will also serve to effect a return to their country and families of our own courageous soldiers, sailors and fighting civilians who so valiently sought to defend Guam, Wake and Midway.

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Lacey



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Van Dyke 5756

No answer

3:30 P

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March 10, 1942

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

*Tolan Comm.*

OUR COMMITTEE, CONSISTING OF CONGRESSMAN JOHN J. SPARKMAN, LAURENCE F. ARNOLD, CARL T. CURTIS, GEORGE H. BENDER, AND MYSELF, HAS COMPLETED PUBLIC HEARINGS IN SAN FRANCISCO, PORTLAND, SEATTLE AND LOS ANGELES. THE COMMITTEE OPENED THESE HEARINGS ON PROBLEMS ARISING FROM ENEMY ALIEN CONTROL PROGRAM ON FEBRUARY 21. WE HEARD MANY WITNESSES, INCLUDING DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES OF JAPANESE, GERMAN AND ITALIAN GROUPS INVOLVED, AS WELL AS FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL OFFICIALS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERESTED CIVIC GROUPS. WE ALSO HAD A SERIES OF EXECUTIVE MEETINGS WITH OFFICIALS OF THE ARMY, NAVY, F.B.I., AND IMMIGRATION SERVICE. THE COMMITTEE FEELS THAT GENERAL DEWITT IS DOING A FINE JOB.

WE NOW WISH TO REPORT TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. FROM OUR HEARINGS, WE KNOW THAT CIVILIAN MORALE ON THE PACIFIC COAST IS OF HIGHEST DEGREE. HOWEVER, OUR PEOPLE OUT HERE ARE ALL EAGER TO TAKE THEIR COATS OFF AND PITCH IN TO WIN THIS FIGHT. THE BIG QUESTION IS HOW BEST TO HARNESS THIS VAST CIVILIAN POWER. OUR COMMITTEE IS AT YOUR SERVICE TO HELP IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE. WITH REGARD TO ENEMY ALIEN EVACUATION PROBLEM, OUR RECOMMENDATION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A PROPERTY CUSTODIAN HAS BEEN CAPABLY TRANSLATED BY MR. MORGENTHAU INTO AN OPERATING PLAN. HIS TELEGRAM TO ME TODAY OUTLINED DETAILS OF TREASURY DEPARTMENT PLAN.

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The White House

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JOHN H TOLAN, CHAIRMAN,  
HOUSE COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING  
NATIONAL DEFENSE MIGRATION

CHARGE TO:  
CONGRESSIONAL ACCOUNT NO. 404



WESTERN UNION \* Night Letter - Book Message

March 10, 1942

\*\*To be sent to the people listed on the attached sheet--

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PLACE COPY OF FOLLOWING QUOTED MESSAGE ON DESKS OF ALL WEST COAST CONGRESSMEN AND SENATORS EXCEPT CALIFORNIA DELEGATION. QUOTE THE PRESIDENT, THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, D. C., OUR COMMITTEE, CONSISTING OF CONGRESSMAN JOHN J. SPARKMAN, LAURENCE F. ARNOLD, CARL T. CURTIS, GEORGE H. BENDER, AND MYSELF, HAS COMPLETED PUBLIC HEARINGS IN SANFRANCISCO, PORTLAND, SEATTLE AND LOSANGELES. THE COMMITTEE OPENED THESE HEARINGS ON PROBLEMS ARISING FROM ENEMY ALIEN CONTROL PROGRAM ON FEBRUARY 21. WE HEARD MANY WITNESSES, INCLUDING DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES OF JAPANESE, GERMAN AND ITALIAN GROUPS INVOLVED, AS WELL AS FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL OFFICIALS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERESTED CIVIC GROUPS. WE ALSO HAD A SERIES OF EXECUTIVE MEETINGS WITH OFFICIALS OF THE ARMY, NAVY, F.B.I., AND IMMIGRATION SERVICE, THE COMMITTEE FEELS THAT GENERAL DEWITT IS DOING A FINE JOB. PARAGRAPH. WE NOW WISH TO REPORT TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. FROM OUR HEARINGS, WE KNOW THAT CIVILIAN MORALE ON THE PACIFIC COAST IS OF HIGHEST DEGREE. HOWEVER, OUR PEOPLE OUT HERE ARE ALL EAGER TO TAKE THEIR COATS OFF AND PITCH IN TO WIN THIS FIGHT. THE BIG QUESTION IS HOW BEST TO HARNESS THIS VAST CIVILIAN POWER. OUR COMMITTEE IS AT YOUR SERVICE TO HELP IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE. WITH REGARD TO ENEMY ALIEN EVACUATION PROBLEM, OUR RECOMMENDATION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A PROPERTY CUSTODIAN HAS BEEN CAPABLY TRANSLATED BY MR. MORGENTHAU INTO AN OPERATING PLAN. HIS



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ROBERT K LAMB STAFF DIRECTOR.



March 11, 1942

Room 270-E  
1355 Market Street  
San Francisco, California

Mr. A. W. Litts  
404 Central Building  
30 North Raymond Avenue  
Pasadena, California

Dear Mr. Litts:

Thank you for your able and interesting letter which has just been forwarded to me on the West Coast.

The Committee as a whole is convinced that the definition of military areas is properly a function of the Army. May I suggest that you communicate with General De Witt in the Presidio in San Francisco?

With all good wishes, I am.

Sincerely,

FPW:DF

John H. Tolan  
Chairman



[att. to Mar. 11, 1942]

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A. W. LITTS

Insurance Service

30 North Raymond Avenue

404 Central Building  
Pasadena, Calif.

Hon. John H. Toland.  
Representative,  
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I note in this mornings papers that the Governors of the several States object very much on having us "ship" the Japs of Calif. to them, and I cannot blame them. Were I governor of any one of the States I would voice my objection in no uncertain words.

May I suggest ONE way that we could take care of our Japs in Calif. to our advantage.- Erect wire entanglements, electrify them, all around our Industrial Plants here in Calif. Have the enclosure large enough so that they would have to work. Put the surplus Japs in these stockades and deprive them of any and every object that could possibly be used to "signal" their Honorable ? Cohorts, and then - let them come on and bomb our plants. Let Tokio KNOW that ~~that~~ is where we have their tribe placed. If they then bomb us- their own bunch will have the pleasure of being dyed with the same stick.

If we place these Japs far and beyond any chance of injury by their own bombs, we are doing them the greatest favor we possibly could. We can handle them then by placing some of our armed guards around the stockade, have a dead line that if they crossed it meant nothing less than a shot from the Guard. Give these savages strict instructions that we mean business- for ONCE, and cut out this damd softness. Look at the situation TODAY! What are we WAITING for!

Yours very truly,

/s/ A. W. Litts



March 11, 1942

Room 270-E  
1355 Market St.  
San Francisco, Calif.

Mr. Robert F. Gardner, Jr.  
Department Commander  
The American Legion  
117 Veterans Building  
San Francisco, Calif

Dear Mr. Garner:

Thankyou for your letter of March 6.

The Committee will shortly file a report with Congress

We believe, as I am confident you do, that the definition of prohibitive areas should be left with the Army. We have called to General DeWill's attention all of the evidence which we have collected but the power of decision has been lodged with him by executive order,

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

John H. Tolan,  
Chairman



WESTERN UNION

John W. Abbott

March 18, 1942

*Plan Committee*

Summary of Recommendations 1. The Committee is in full agreement with the President's order of February 19, 1942. The designation of areas to be evacuated is a military matter to be decided by the Army. The Committee commends the work of the Army, the Department of Justice, the Army and Navy Intelligence Services, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation on the evacuation problem.

2. The committee recommends that a single agency be known as the War Resettlement Board be established under the Office of Emergency Management to coordinate and to determine all civilian activities connected with the evacuation and resettlement of enemy aliens.

3. This agency should be headed by a civilian experienced in welfare and resettlement problems.

4. This evacuation must be considered as a completely federal problem. It has been ordered by the military and is carried out as a matter of military necessity. It is essential, therefore, that the federal government recognize its responsibility to care for these people in every way. This includes the provision of immediate assistance, free transportation, medical care, and other burdens attendant upon forced evacuation.

5. Offices of an alien property custodian should be placed in every major center from which aliens are being evacuated. Arrangements ~~are~~ should be made with agricultural agencies to handle the lands and crops of evacuees which are now under cultivation; The past experience of the Farm Security Administration qualifies it for this task.

6. A system of hearing boards should be constituted by the director of the Resettlement Board with representatives of local and federal agencies with the concurrence of military authorities, to issue certificates for all Italian and German aliens whose loyalty can be established beyond reasonable doubt. Final decisions as to the return of these persons to areas declared prohibited



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should of course rest with the military. The emphasis of these boards should be towards the early return to civil life of all certified persons. Responsibility for internment should remain as at present with existing enemy alien hearing boards, to whom the new boards would refer all doubtful cases.

7. Every effort should be made to resettle the evacuees in such a way that the process of ~~naturalization~~ <sup>American-</sup> can be expedited.

8. The committee recommends that the Department of Justice immediately review the situation regarding all enemy aliens who are awaiting their second papers with a view to expediting their applications. Upon certification of the local hearing boards, a grace period for completion of their citizenship should be granted. It should be observed that all cases of enemy alien applicants are now investigated by the FBI before citizenship can be granted. The personnel of the Immigration and Naturalization Service should be immediately increased.

(signed) Robert K. Lamb



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SANTA MONICA CALIF  
MAR 31

MR TOLAN AND MR BENDER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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DEAR MR TOLAN AND DEAR MR BENDER, MAY WE TAKE THE LIBERTY TO FURNISH YOU WITH SOME INFORMATION GATHERED BY MEMBERS OF THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE STATELESS GENTILE AND JEWISH REFUGEES CONCERNING THE LAST HAPPENINGS ON THE WEST COAST. SINCE FRIDAY NIGHT ALL REFUGEES ON THE WEST COAST--ABSOLUTELY IDENTIFIED WITH THE NAZIS--HAVE TO OBEY CURFEW FROM 8 PM TO 6 AM AND HAVE TO BE DURING THE DAY WITHIN FIVE MILES OF THEIR RESIDENCE OR ON THEIR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS. PREGNANT WOMAN ASKS WHETHER SHE COULD GO TO THE HOSPITAL IF HER TIME COMES DURING THE NIGHT ANSWER WAS: NO. REFUGEE PROFESSOR WHO MAKES RESEARCH IN A LIBRARY MORE THAN FIVE MILES AWAY FROM HIS HOME WAS TOLD HE HAS TO GIVE UP HIS RESEARCH AND SON CANNOT GO TO THE UNIVERSITY FOR SAME REASON. NO STATELESS REFUGEE FROM GERMANY CAN GO TO THE NIGHTSCHOOLS AND TO THE RELIGIOUS SERVICES AFTER WORKING HOURS. JEWISH SERVICES ON FRIDAY EVENING AND PASSOVER AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AFTER 8 PM ARE STRICTLY FORBIDDEN TOO. ALL JOBS WHICH MAKE OVERTIME OR NIGHTWORK NECESSARY ARE GONE TOO. NOBODY CAN LOOK FOR A NEW JOB CONFINED WITHIN FIVE MILES WITHIN THEIR RESIDENTIAL QUARTERS. WE WOULD BE ASHAMED TO



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MENTION ALL THAT IF THERE IS A SINGLE REASON BENEFICIAL TO AMERICA OR TO THE AMERICAN WAR EFFORT, JUSTIFYING THIS WRONG CLASSIFICATION AND ITS TERRIBLE CONSEQUENCES. BUT THE CONTRARY IS THE CASE; IT IS OF GREATEST COMFORT AND OF GREATEST PROPAGANDA VALUE FOR THE NAZIS, WHO HAVE SPREAD THROUGH HUMORS VIA SOUTH AMERICA THERE MUST BE SOMETHING DANGEROUS ABOUT THE REFUGEES, THAT THEY ARE NOT RELIABLE, THAT HITLER DID THE RIGHT THING, WHEN HE WAS EAGER TO GET RID OF THEM. THE THREAT OF EVACUATION IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE BREAKS UP THE HOMES AND FILLS THE HEARTS WITH DISTRESS AND OVERSTRAINS THE ALREADY NEARLY BROKEN POWER OF ENDURANCE. THE CURFEW ENFORCED AGAINST THE VICTIMS OF HITLER TERROR THE SAME WAY AS IT IS ENFORCED AGAINST THOSE WITH NAZI AFFILIATIONS INTERRUPTS THE PROCESS OF THEIR AMERICANIZATION. THEIR AMERICAN FRIENDS LEARNING THAT THE GOVERNMENT KEEPS THEM INDOORS AFTER WORKING HOURS MUST BELIEVE THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS GOOD REASONS TO DO SO. FINALLY THEY CHASE TO REGARD THEM AS REFUGEES, FRIENDS AND NATURAL ALLIES. A FAMOUS LAWYER ADMITTED AT FOUR BARS BOTH OF ENGLAND AND THE UNITED STATES WROTE THE FOLLOWING LINES, QUOTE: THE REFUGEES, WHETHER GENTILE OR JEWISH, BEGIN TODAY TO REALIZE THE TERRIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF HER WRONG CLASSIFICATIONS AS ALIEN ENEMIES. THE DAY--MAY IT NEVER COME, WHEN SOME TEN THOUSAND REFUGEES FROM NAZI OPPRESSION WILL HAVE TO LEAVE THEIR WEST COAST HOMES IN THE SAD PROCESSION AND LOOK



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DISSEMINATE HIS POISONOUS DOCTRINES ALL OVER THE WORLD WITH  
THE FINAL AIM TO DESTROY DEMOCRACY BY HITTING FIRST AT A SMALL  
MINORITY. IT WAS THIS GREAT DEMOCRACY WHICH WAS THE CENTER  
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AMERICANS WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION, TO FIGHT AS THE NATURAL  
ALLIES OF THIS GREAT COUNTRY. RESPECTFULLY

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CONFIDENTIAL

May 27, 1942

*Congress*

MEMORANDUM of Conference on the treatment of enemy aliens and citizens under the military evacuation orders, at Town Hall Club, Tuesday May 26th at 3:30 p.m.

*Dr. Robert K. Lamb*

1. Mr. Lamb, of the Tolan Committee said that the conflict between the Army and the Department of Justice had been temporarily resolved by a sort of stand-still agreement under which no more wholesale evacuations will take place, the Army agreeing to report to the Department of Justice the names of individuals whom they want evacuated, the Department then to review the cases through Mr. Edward Ennis and to make its recommendations to the Army. Mr. Ennis has control of internment of enemy aliens. These would be cases not strong enough for internment.

The Department of Justice has, on the whole, opposed to the creation of civilian hearing boards, preferring its own system of review. Some objection apparently rests on the ground that the creation of hearing boards would entrench the military authority and make it difficult to revise it.

2. Mr. Lamb said that one of the pressing problems was the condition in the ~~xxxx~~ reception centers on the Pacific Coast, which are badly overcrowded and under very rigid military control. He thought that after a month, when all the evacuations have taken place, control should be transferred to Mr. Eisenhower, who runs the resettlement camps. While it is true that Japanese-Americans cannot leave the reception centers, they are under no such restraint in the resettlement areas, but if they leave to take jobs outside the zone they will not be permitted to return. Eight thousand of them have already moved out of the Pacific Coast zone before the freezing order went into effect.

3. The curfew established on the Pacific Coast for all enemy aliens may be modified after the evacuation is completed. In any



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event, there is a movement to permit hearings and exemptions.

4. Mr. Lamb stated that he had heard no discussion of the removal of any citizens from military zones other than Japanese-Americans, nor had he heard of any proposal in any responsible quarter for hearing boards for Japanese-Americans. He thought that the exercise of the Army's authority would be dependent upon military evidence and that the Army would be reluctant to give up any of the power it had secured through the President's order. Both officials in the Department of Justice as well as the Tolan Committee are in favor of its revision to limit military powers.

5. Another pressure on the Administration comes from farmers anxious to get Japanese labor on farms under armed guard, by release of men from the evacuation centers. This proposal is being resisted as a form of forced labor. The alternative appears to be to import Mexicans, which the Mexican Government may not permit. If so, the pressure to use the Japanese would become greater.

6. Mr. Lamb thought that the partial or limited martial law created by the President's order, which might be extended to the whole country, was becoming recognized as dangerous. It originated in the Department of Justice, which felt that its powers were too limited to evacuate American citizens and therefore proposed the order to the President. It was not contemplated at the time that it would be subjected to such fantastic extension.

7. It was agreed that a definite policy could only be reached by bringing together the responsible officials in Washington with representatives of influential private agencies. Those officials would be Charles Fahy, head of the new War Division in the Department of Justice, Edward Ennis, controller of enemy aliens, Milton J. Eisenhower, and for the War Department--Ass't Secty John J. McCloy



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and Alfred Jaretzki, Jr. It was agreed to leave the matter of further steps to Mr. Warren and Mr. Lewis with a view to formulating alternative proposals to be discussed with these public officials, first to be submitted to a more representative conference in New York. Mr. Pickett stated that he was seeing Mr. Eisenhower and would discuss with him the problems relating to his jurisdiction.

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John C. Baker, Chief, Office of Reports

Dec. 21, 1942

John F. Embree, Senior Archivist

The two quotations given below are taken from House Report 2124. They are, it seems to me, significant statements in regard to the WRA program and carry the weight of a Congressional Committee.

"A constructive performance, therefore, on the part of the War Relocation Authority, will go far toward fashioning the whole pattern of our policy on racial and minority groups now and in the post-war world." p 12

"The responsibility of the War Relocation Authority is a grave one. The majority of evacuees are American citizens. Accordingly, an obligation is created on the part of the Federal Government to provide opportunities for productive endeavor that will permit evacuees to earn their livelihood, to contribute to the war effort, and to facilitate their participation in the life of post-war America." p 33

John F. Embree  
Senior Archivist

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February 3, 1943

Mrs. Laura H. McKeen  
International Institute  
1860 Washington Street  
San Francisco, California

My dear Mrs. McKeen:

Thank you for your letter of January 30th. As you know I have been very much interested in the orderly and successful solution of this problem and the War Relocation Authority was set up on the direct recommendations of the Special Committee of which I am Chairman.

At the present time I am in full agreement with your position.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

John H. Tolan  
Member of Congress

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*misc. Lynn*



## International Institute

1860 WASHINGTON STREET, SAN FRANCISCO - TUxedo 5212

Jan 30 - 1943

Honorable John Tolan  
Congressman from California  
Washington D.C.

Honorable Congressman:

The International Institute of San Francisco is in close touch with large numbers of Japanese people as well as with those in authority in several Relocation Centers and from all that we can find out we feel that the management of these Centers is well well handled by the War Relocation Authority.

It would seem to us that the proper responsibility for administering the Japanese Centers should continue to rest with the Civilian Government and should not be under the control of the Army.

Very truly yours  
Laura M. McKee



PACIFIC TELEGRAM

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JOHN H TOLAN DELIVER 930AM

CHAIRMAN CONGRESSIONAL DEFENSE MIGRATION COMMITTEE  
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DISCRIMINATED AGAINST. ANOTHER IMPORTANT FACTOR IS CRITICAL CRISIS THEIR WHOLESALE  
EVACUATION WOULD MEAN TO ECONOMIC LIFE ENTIRE PACIFIC COAST. REVIEW STRONGLY URGES  
YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMEND CONTINUATION PRESENT SPLENDID PROGRAM OF FBI AS ONLY FAIR AND  
WISE METHOD OF DEALING WITH PROBLEM.

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BAINBRIDGE REVIEW







May 14, 1943

Miss Eleanor D. Breed  
18 Panoramic Way  
Berkeley, California

My dear Miss Breed:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter  
of May 7th, and for the benefit of your views.

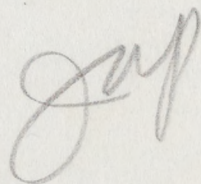
I have taken this matter up with the California  
Delegation who anticipate having a meeting combining the  
three Pacific Coast states on this problem.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

John H. Tolan  
Member of Congress

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May 10, 1943

Mr. Clarence Rust  
Attorney  
5837 San Pablo Avenue  
Oakland, California

Dear Clarence:

Thank you for your letter of May 5th, together  
with copy of your radio address.

I am very grateful to you for this kindness  
as I will present your letter and radio address to the  
Committee when we meet.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

John H. Tolan  
Member of Congress

JHT:VEB



18 Panoramic Way  
Berkeley Calif.  
May 7, 1943

Rep. John H. Tolan  
Congress  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tolan:

As one of your constituents, I am writing to ask that you say a favorable word for permitting Japanese-American soldiers to visit their families in relocation centers on the West Coast. The stories in the papers indicate that West Coast Congressmen have unitedly adopted a position opposing any such action. Many of us feel they do not represent us, here at home. Your area was one that was not one of the violently bitter regions, and perhaps you could say a courageous word for the other side.

Many of us feel that if Japanese-Americans wear the uniform of the Army they can be trusted, for they have been cleared by F.B.I. and the Army Intelligence, both of which faithfully guard the country's security. Therefore the nisei soldiers should have the privilege of all soldiers -- visiting their families before they leave for battle. We seem to forget that the enemy is over in Tokyo, not here.

I have known as friends a number of the Japanese who are now in relocation centers, and know that they are as good citizens as people of German or Italian or other descent. Our putting heavy punishment on thousands of people because of race is something that will bring us enormous future problems, unless we show real statesmanship now. Will you?

Sincerely yours,

*Eleanor D. Breed*

(M<sup>1</sup>ss) Eleanor D. Breed



CLARENCE E. RUST  
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May 5, 1943.

Hon. John H. Tolan,  
Member of Congress,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Tolan:

I note from today's press that you are on the Committee which is to consider the question of the return of the Japanese-Americans to the West Coast. As you know I opposed the original evacuation as being wholly inconsistent with American concepts of democracy. I charged then that it was pure race discrimination smacking of Hitlerism and further that it was being agitated by commercial groups interested in eliminating the Japanese competition and in securing their lands. In my opposition I was almost a lone voice crying in the wilderness, then. Since that time the common conscience of liberalism has caught up and so I am now able to assert that my previous position is now the generally accepted position of the liberal and progressive forces of this State.

Even a Federal Circuit Judge (Denman) was recently led to remark, concerning this question:

"Under the threat of penitentiary sentences to these 70,000 American citizens...we are driving from their homes to internment camps, not men alone, as with the deportation of the Dutch by the Germans, but their wives and children, without giving the latter the choice to remain in their homes. We are destroying their business, in effect, as if such citizens were enemy aliens. While none of the appellants had yet been interned, the deportation order was but the initial step in a single plan ending in imprisonment in barb wired enclosures under military guard. Descended from Eastern Asiatics, they have been imprisoned as the Germans imprisoned the Western Asiatic descended Jews".

In January of this year, I delivered a Radio Address on a matter which is appropriate to the subject before your Committee and am inclosing a copy of same for your consideration.

With kind personal regards.

Sincerely,

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## SHOULD JAPANESE-AMERICANS BE DEPRIVED OF THEIR CITIZENSHIP?

Speech delivered before Oakland Dial Club by  
Clarence E. Rust, Oakland attorney, Jan. 25, 1943,  
and broadcast over Radio Station K L X.

I am happy to appear here and to contribute, I hope, to neutralizing some of the mischievous ideas that from time to time, gain popularity in the world--none of which is more mischievous than that which supposes that "some men were made to be horses and others to ride upon their backs"--sometimes called the "philosophy of pigment"; it imagines that somehow virtue and vice, intelligence and stupidity have a direct relationship to the color of skin.

The manifestation of this peculiar mental aberration finds expression, abstractly, in the notion of "race superiority" and concretely, in political efforts to disfranchise sections of the community because of race, such as has been the fixed policy of the Southern States in relation to the negro, and is now proposed to be applied to the Japanese-American citizens, through depriving them of their citizenship.

Neither virtue nor vice, intelligence nor stupidity are related to race, and the color of skin does not determine the war-like disposition of people. Warring disposition is determined by economics and not color--at one period in history it is the white man who is bellicose, and at another period it is the yellow man.

As the National Education Association recently put it: "Malign indictments of entire races and nations are the characteristic weapons of dictators. They are not suitable weapons for nations conducting a crusade for the extension of liberty to all people".

And because this is true--because we say one thing and then do the opposite--because we preach equality of races and then herd one of our races into concentration camps--because we preach equality of franchise and then propose racial disfranchisement, that even Mr. Willkie was recently provoked to say: "The people of the East know what their war aims are, but in view of some of our actions they are beginning to wonder if those aims are also ours".

And "the people of Asia" recently observed Pearl Buck, "are further from us today than they ever have been. They are realizing soberly that they must find salvation in themselves and not with us. All of Asia now knows and acknowledges, and so must we, if we are honest, that the principles of human equality and human freedom may have nothing to do with our victory in this war. Certainly the people of Asia are now coming to believe that for them our victory will have nothing to do with freedom or equality".



Our conduct in relation to races of which the present advocacy of deprival of citizenship to the Japanese-Americans is but the latest example, is no doubt a great boon to the militarists of Japan, who have every cause to rejoice at this action; in their war against the other people of the East, our action is equal to many Japanese regiments. The American and British policies of "superior races" and the "white man's burden" have sowed the fields which the Japanese propagandists now reap. Japan is able to hold up to the people of Asia our conduct towards them and so induce the people of Asia to accept as liberators from the white man's yoke, the Japanese--and so Burma fell without the firing of a single shot by any native volunteer.

I do not assert that those who advocate policies of race discrimination are deliberate fifth columnists, but I do emphatically assert that their advocacy aids the cause of the Japanese militarists, prolongs the war and the multiplying blood of the sons of America will be on their hands.

I might also observe on this race question that when we speak of races we really speak of a mythical abstraction--there is strictly no such thing as a pure race; we are all mongrels.

What I am trying to emphasize is that mankind cannot be divided; you cannot split him up into races and still have a whole man. Try it and you will get only a festering sore of inflamed and contending parts. Belief in the superiority of races is a method of inflating the egos of little minds.

Every violation of the rights of a minority jeopardizes the rights of all. Will the world never learn that freedom is indivisible--that, as Lowell said, "In the gain or loss of one race, all the rest have equal claim".

"That any man's death diminishes me, for I am involved in mankind. And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls. It tolls for thee".

Should the Japanese-Americans be deprived of their citizenship? Should they be thus humiliated? My answer is, No. They are citizens by virtue of the Constitution of the United States and citizens they will remain.

These advocates of deprivation of citizenship seem to have learned little, if anything, from history. We reap today in blood and tears the consequences of our past similar policies in relation to the Orient. I refer specifically to the Japanese exclusion Act of 1924--advocated and advanced by the same groups, it finally wrote in crimson letters the tragedy of our times--even as the enactment of this proposal will pave the way for bloodier days ahead, new tragedies for children yet unborn. This sowing of hate will reap nothing but hate.

For several years following the last war, in which Japan was



an American ally, a group of liberals exercised a dominant influence in the affairs of Japan. They had been able to keep in check the aspiring militarists. With the contest between the militarists and the liberals trembling in the balance came this bolt from the West: No Japanese wanted. The exclusion act was passed,--an act racially humiliating. The democratic forces of Japan collapsed from the repercussions. And like a storm from the heavens came the answer: Asia for the Asiatics. The ascendancy of the Japanese militarists dates from this exclusion act.

It is sometimes convenient to forget history; but it is never wise.

The number of Japanese, foreign-born and citizens, in the entire United States is slightly over 126,000, less than one-tenth of one per cent of the population. In the past 10 years, the Japanese population has decreased  $8\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. Of those here, 63 per cent are citizens. Of the non-citizens, two-thirds entered the U. S. over 20 years ago--entered before the ascendancy of militarism in Japan--they are therefore hardly susceptible to the charge of being spies as some self-seeking politicians find it useful to contend. They constitute an insignificant minority. You can probably violate their rights with all physical impunity--there is no danger of any Japanese promoted insurrection; but do not think that you have settled the problem because of this; you have settled nothing, not even your own safety.

The white race is a minority in the world, outnumbered 2 to 1 by the colored races. We who love freedom must accept all races as our equals today, if we wish them to accept us as their equals tomorrow. If the colored races of the world ever become as arrogant as the white race has been, God help the white race; it will be overwhelmed by sheer numbers. If the white race is unwilling to learn in the Christian and humanitarian way, to make peace with his brother, regardless of his color, the cruel and inexorable laws of history will solve the problem in its own cruel and inexorable way.

If the idea of these advocates which we are discussing today is permitted to prevail, then I warn that the world is headed for another war, in comparison with which this war will seem a sham battle. This coming war, like all wars, will have its base in economics, but its ideology will make it a war of the races--a war to extermination.

If we can not be humanitarian in the considering of this problem, let us at least not be foolish.

I will close with a quotation from my statement before the Tolan Congressional Committee:

Japanese are also people. I am profoundly disturbed by the present attempt to heap upon their descendants in this country contempt and hatred. If we are to



Begin a program which amounts to persecution of sections of our citizenry, because of their race or origin, then Hitlerism has already won America, though the Nazi Army is 4,000 miles away.

At the end of this terrible conflict, some of us are fools enough to hope for a world based on brotherly co-operation. The hate generated now will return to plague us then and the victory of which everyone now prates will turn to ashes in our hands.



*Japanese*

May 18, 1943

Reverend Robert Inglis  
Plymouth Congregational Church  
3805 Piedmont Avenue  
Oakland, California

My dear Reverend Inglis:

Thank you so much for writing me under date of  
May 4th, enclosing therewith the opinion of Judge Denman.

The California Delegation together with the Oregon  
and Washington Delegation are looking into this very matter.

I am very grateful to you for the information you  
have given me.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

John H. Tolan  
Member of Congress

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Robert Inglis, Minister

The Hon. John H. Tolan,  
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Washington, D. C.

May 4, 1943.

Sir:

Enclosed you will find a copy of Judge Denman's dissenting opinion from the certification by the Circuit Court of Appeals of the Gordon Kiyoshi Hirabayashi case to the Supreme Court. I feel that it contains statements of fact in which you will be interested.

I refer particularly to the following paragraphs in the opinion.

- 1 - Page 2, paragraphs 3 and 4 which compares our treatment of these citizens to the treatment of the Dutch and the Jews by the Germans.
- 2 - Page 2, paragraph 5 which refers to the absence of "espionage, sabotage or any treasonable act" by Japanese descended citizens.
- 3 - Page 3, paragraph 2, and page 4, paragraph 1 which contains the denial of Denman that all Japanese descended people are treacherous.
- 4 - Page 4, paragraphs 3 and the following--itemizes some of the legal and social discriminations to which these American Citizens are subjected, and the relationship of such discrimination and humiliation to the fear of General DeWitt that they might be disloyal.

In view of the very great problem created for the whole of America by the deportation of all Japanese descended persons from the west coast, and in view of the grave issues raised by thus removing American citizens from their homes solely on the basis of their racial origin, I am sure that you as a Congressman of the United States are deeply concerned that the citizenship and civil rights of these people be protected.

The facts and opinions referred to here by an outstanding and courageous public servant deserve serious consideration by all Americans and especially by the Congress of the United States in relation to fresh attempts to disfranchise and otherwise discriminate against this racial group, and in relation to the report of Senator Chandler's committee that citizens in these concentration camps should be released.

Respectfully,

*Robert Inglis*



May 25, 1943

Mr. Donald L. Stofle  
2254 Summer Street  
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Stofle:

Thank you so much for your very well written letter of the 18th. I deeply appreciate it.

The California, Oregon, and Washington Congressional Delegations are now considering this entire matter and your letter will be very helpful.

We vote on the Anti-poll tax bill today and I intend to support the same.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

John H. Tolan  
Member of Congress

HNB:VEB

*Japanese*



May 18, 1943

Representative John H. Tolan  
Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Tolan:

I am informed that you have been chosen as a member of a five man committee to study the problem of relocation of the Japanese in California. I sincerely trust that you will use your good offices to the endeavor that justice and common-sense will prevail in the action and thought of the committee.

In an atmosphere as charged as that surrounding the Japanese-American the prudent considerations of calm-minded men become all the more necessary if an equitable solution is to be worked out. I was shocked to read Representative Costello's statement that "there is no way to tell a good Jap from a bad Jap" and that of Lieutenant-Colonel De Witt that "a Jap is a Jap." I am sure that these are the utterances of passion and that both men will soon regret having made them. For to apply such ethnology unequivocally to our allies of the United Nations, among whom a preponderantly large part is Oriental or non-white, would result in such statements, using the vernacular of Mr. Costello and Mr. De Witt, as "a Chink is a Chink", "a Limey is a Limey", "a Frog is a Frog", etc.

To deny that emigrants from the lands of tyranny and oppression can become good Americans and ardent democrats is to deny all our history. To deny that tests of good citizenship do not exist is to nullify a large part of the considerations of your committee. The Oriental Exclusion Acts were born of passion and they remain to embarrass us when the Chinese are our staunch brothers in arms.

No student of our history can deny that the exclusion of Japanese-American citizens from strategic areas on the West Coast is without constitutional sanction or precedent. We can only make that damaging and dangerous admission that circumstances justified taking un-constitutional action. Now, however, when circumstances are calmer, let us make haste to mend the breach and make equal application of the law to all citizens.

You will remember that the Japanese Young Democratic Clubs of California, Oakland in particular, were some of the first among us to recognize the growing militarism and fascism of the Japanese state and to demand that we take action against it. Now they are in the relocation centers taking their fates calmly and as good Americans. Can it be said of them that they can't be told from "bad Japs"? Many of the Nisei are serving under the flag of our country defending our shores against aggression. Are these the "Japs" of whom Lieutenant-Colonel De-Witt speaks?

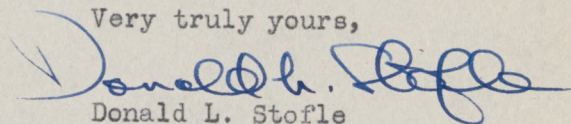


May 18, 1942

Such statements cannot and will not be believed by fair and calm-minded men. I feel confident that your action on the committee will be an enduring credit to you and your district.

I see that the anti-poll-tax bill has been delivered from committee. I urge you to give it all possible support.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Donald L. Stofle", with a large, stylized initial "D" and a flourish at the end.

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